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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED MARCH 12, 1906

Moderator

WILLIAM B. REED

Town Clerk

RALPH W. LEIGHTON

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

H. R. JACOBS F. A. DOLLOFF C. E. WEBBER

Treasurer

L. M. PHILBRICK

Superintendent of Schools

HARRISON W. WEBBER

School Committee

W. P. WALKER F. L. HOPKINS F. A. WING

Constable and Collector

WILLIAM B. REED

Board of Health

A. P. CRAM H. F. SHAW, M. D. E. A. COTTLE

Auditor

H. W. WEBBER

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Financial Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Mt. Vernon, for the Year Ending Feb. 22, 1907

VALUATION

Real estate, resident	$217,035 00	
" " non-resident	28,605 00	
Total real estate		$245,640 00
Personal estate, resident	$ 69,946 00	
" " non-resident	3,648 00	
Total personal estate		$73,594 00
Total valuation		$319,234 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1906

State tax	$ 812 21	
County tax	493 98	
Total State and County tax		$ 1,306 19

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

For common schools	$ 1,000 00
free High School	200 00
school-books	150 00
schoolhouse repairs	200 00
town charges	800 00
highways and bridges	1,200 00
breaking snow	800 00
State road	400 00
support of poor	400 00
Memorial Day	25 00

Bean schoolhouse	$ 500 00	
Overlay	163 49	
		$5,838 49
Supplementary tax		137 32
		$5,975 81

Poll tax, $3.00.
Rate per cent of tax, .02.

No. of taxable polls,	253
Male dogs,	62
Female dogs,	9

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO TAXPAYERS

	Av. value	Total value
319 horses	$ 66 88	$21,334 72
11 colts, 3 to 4 years old	87 27	960 00
8 colts, 2 to 3 years old	61 25	490 00
17 colts under 2 years	40 70	692 00
584 cows	20 95	12,233 00
82 oxen	53 35	4,375 00
170 3-year-olds	19 07	3,244 00
184 2-year-olds	16 27	2,993 00
132 1-year-olds	8 72	1,152 00
495 sheep	3 61	1,787 87
187 swine	6 43	1,200 54
		$50,462 13

Money at interest	$ 3,050 00	
Stock in trade	11,550 00	
Logs and lumber	4,353 00	
Bicycle	10 00	
Carriages	100 00	
Wood and bark	2,390 00	
20 musical instruments	1,265 00	
Machinery and other property	425 00	
		$23,143 00

SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1907

Appropriated for common schools, 1906	$ 1,000 00
Appropriated for high school	200 00

Free high school money due from State	$ 180 00	
State school fund and mill tax	578 19	
		$ 1,958 19
Overdrawn, 1905		$ 576 52
Amount for use, 1906		$ 1,381 67
Unexpended Feb. 22, 1907		

EXPENDITURES

Paid teachers and their board	$ 1,381 67
for teaching high school	360 00
for janitor service	80 57
for conveyance of scholars	111 00
for school wood	121 28
for school-books and supplies	33 10

ORDERS DRAWN FOR WAGES AND BOARD OF TEACHERS

Izetta Royall	$ 39 00
A. G. Gordon, board and conveyance of teacher	3 12
Annabel G. Hall	75 00
Lizzie M. Leighton	65 00
Lottie J. Adell	70 00
Linda Nickerson	70 00
Doll C. Leighton	65 00
Myra A. Webber	65 00
Izetta Royall	56 00
Geo. M. Johnson	65 00
Lizzie M. Leighton	58 50
Edna S. Fish	63 00
Velma Gordon	48 00
Alice Hawes	58 50
Lura Webster	66 55
Annie M. Akers	63 00
Evangeline Trefethen	52 00
Signi Anderson	25 00
Doll C. Leighton	36 00
F. A. Walker, board	16 00
Annabel Hall	60 00
Velma Gordon	42 00

Alice Hawes	$ 56 00	
Annie M. Akers	56 00	
Evangeline Trefethen	52 00	
Gertrude Barron	56 00	

ORDERS DRAWN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

R. W. Leighton	$ 108 00	
" " "	48 00	
" " "	84 00	
" " "	120 00	
		$ 360 00

Appropriated for repairs on schoolhouses, March 12, 1906	$ 200 00
Overdrawn February 22, 1906	$ 208 75
Overdrawn February 22, 1907	$ 273 13

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS, ORDERS DRAWN

A. P. Cram & Son	$ 5 00	
F. L. Hopkins	5 70	
F. C. Fellows, supplies	1 91	
C. W. Whittier, supplies	10 00	
N. D. Gordon & Son, shingles	15 13	
Guy C. Elliot, shingles	15 82	
J. C. Scates, shingles	29 63	
W. P. Walker	29 27	
F. M. Stevens, banking schoolhouses	2 00	
F. L. Hopkins, freight and charges on seats	5 26	
H. M. Hall	5 75	
L. M. Philbrick	3 00	
R. W. Soule	4 65	
Caxton & Co	56 80	
F. A. Wing	12 30	
F. C. Fellows	14 07	
F. L. Kendall, lumber	5 54	
R. K. Thing	5 25	
Caxton & Co	34 80	
W. P. Walker	2 50	
		$ 264 38

Janitor Work, Orders Drawn

Benj. Pearl	$ 1 75	
Evangeline Trefethen	2 00	
Leroy T. Hopkins	2 00	
Pearl A. White	2 00	
Doris L. Damren	2 00	
Clyde Jacobs	2 35	
Geo. Gordon	4 00	
Velma Gordon	2 00	
Mrs. J. J. Munnings	2 00	
Gertrude Stevens	2 50	
Hattie M. Webber	12 50	
Fred F.Bradley	1 50	
Carrie M. Damren	2 50	
Benj. Pearl	1 75	
Leroy Hopkins	1 25	
Clyde Jacobs	5 70	
Linda E. Nickerson	2 50	
C. F. Wills	2 50	
Manilla Damren	2 00	
Russell Weiser	2 50	
Clyde Jacobs	2 40	
John H. Stevens	3 50	
Manilla Damren	2 25	
Fred F. Bradley	2 00	
Anson Williams	1 00	
Russell Weiser	2 25	
Hazel Luce	2 37	
Edna S. Fish	2 25	
Benjamin Pearl	1 50	
Geo. Gordon	1 50	
J. M. Damren, banking schoolhouse	1 25	
J. M. Damren	1 00	
		$ 80 57

Conveyance of Scholars

C. A. Hall	$ 45 00	
Miles Williams	31 50	
C. A. Hall	10 50	
E. E. Robinson	24 00	
		$ 111 00

School Wood, Orders Drawn

F. L. Kendall	$ 9 00	
E. A. Cottle	4 50	
F. L. Hopkins	6 50	
W. J. Philbrick	6 40	
Benjamin Pearl	1 50	
F. L. Hopkins	16 00	
J. M. Damren	8 00	
S. Stain	8 00	
Walker Bros	4 38	
Miles Williams	7 50	
J. P. Carson	28 00	
Tracy & Carson	10 50	
Tracy & Carson	1 50	
F. L. Kendall	3 00	
Samuel Stain	4 00	
H. I. Tucker	2 00	
W. P. Walker	50	
		$ 121 28

School-Book Account

H. W. Webber, express, freight and postage	$ 3 43	
Ginn & Co., books	12 21	
H. W. Webber, express, telephone and trucking	4 70	
D. C. Heath & Co	12 76	
		$ 33 10

Bean Schoolhouse Account, Orders Drawn

W. P. Walker, plan and specification	$ 5 00	
R. H. Jacobs, for building shed	87 33	
R. H. Jacobs, for building schoolhouse	468 00	
L. M. Philbrick	1 50	
F. L. Hopkins, freight on seats	7 45	
F. C. Fellows, stove, etc	17 90	
Ed. Walton, painting	2 00	
Caxton & Co., seats	56 80	
		$ 645 98
Appropriated		500 00
Over drawn		$ 145 98

Pauper Account

Appropriated Mar. 12, 1906 ....$	400 00	
Unexpended balance Feb. 23, 1906...	50 06	
		$ 450 06

Orders Drawn

M. J. Bowler, on acct. of Mrs. Foss...$	10 00	
M. J. Bowler, " "	33 00	
H. F. Shaw, " "	20 00	
M. J. Bowler, " "	15 00	
M. J. Bowler, " "	18 00	
D. S. Newton, " "	12 00	
C. W. Taggart, " "	26 00	
M. J. Bowler, " "	26 30	
D. S. Newton, " "	27 00	
City of Bangor on acct. of Daniel Newton	40 90	
Hiram Gilman, acct. of J. W. Clough...	4 00	
D. D. Merriman, acct. of Mrs. Foss...	2 35	
D. S. Newton, acct. of Mrs. Foss.....	27 00	
C. A. French, acct. of Daniel Newton...	26 00	
D. S. Newton, acct. of Mrs. Foss.....	33 00	
		$ 320 55

Highways in Winter, 1905-06

Appropriated March 12, 1906.....$	800 00	
Over drawn 1904-05.....	194 93	
For use.....$	606 07	
Orderdrawn.....	587 97	
Unexpended		$ 18 10
Lizzie M. Stayell.....$	11 70	
C. A. Hutchinson.....	8 50	
Lincoln Walton.....	5 25	
H. M. Hall	4 00	
F. G. Batchelder	3 30	
S. A. Dudley.....	8 25	
C. W. Leighton	6 00	
W. H. Dudley.....	18 66	
Noah Clough.....	1 50	
Samuel Stain.....	9 40	

A. B. Wing	$ 17 00
J. F. Davis	20 34
D. N. Elliott	7 70
E. A. Robinson	7 80
A. G. Gordon	16 08
E. J. Gilman	4 00
C. S. Dudley	9 02
John Dudley	5 05
J. E. Bean	8 57
Walker Bros	10 60
W. J. Philbrick	5 05
C. H. Hammond	8 40
C. E. Webber	1 00
W. N. Gilman	2 97
Geo. Philbrick	7 60
G. C. Rundlett	21 84
F. A. Dolloff	11 00
M. W. Fish	4 00
Carroll Butler	3 20
F. B. Dolloff	8 32
Geo. O. Wells	4 88
H. S. Gordon	9 15
W. D. Walker	6 22
C. M. Robinson	6 75
W. O. Parlin	16 00
Gordon Bros	10 95
F. J. Locke	5 00
Weston Gilman	3 15
Linwood Wells	2 50
Lemuel Porter	8 60
C. O. Weston	21 00
F. C. Dolloff	20 00
E. E. Ward	17 55
Carroll Gordon	4 89
E. W. Watson	6 50
W. S. Pike	5 50
Hiram Gilman	30 95
E. H. Turner	11 40
Geo. A. Piper	21 02

H. I. Tucker	$ 11 33	
C. E. Williams	7 70	
N. J. Rathey	6 65	
Ernest Pearl	10 75	
M. J. French	5 90	
A. E. Houghton	9 19	
Wallace Bickford	4 80	
E. A. Cottle	4 37	
Alton Tyler	14 00	
J. H. Stain	10 42	
P. Slawson	3 00	
W. E. Sibley	1 65	
O. H. Dolloff	30 15	
		$ 587 97

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, 1906

Appropriated March 12, 1906	$ 1,200 00	
Unexpended Feb. 23, 1906	162 57	
Appropriated for State road, 1906	400 00	
For use, 1906		$ 1,762 57
Overdrawn		$ 269 17

Orders Drawn

F. L. Kendall, 1905	$ 3 75
F. L. Kendall, water tub, 1905	3 00
E. Walton, 1905	3 00
N. J. Rathey, 1905	8 00
Miles Williams, 1905	9 75
S. P. Hopkins, 1905	1 50
John Anderson, water tub, 1905	3 00
Freeman Smith, 1905	18 80
C. H. Hammond	1 80
W. J. Philbrick	1 80
H. K. Luce, 1904	11 10
Warren Smith, 1905	1 50
J. E. Bean, abatement, highway tax	5 75
Carroll Gordon	15 00
J. C. Scates, plank	2 66
Housing road machine five years	5 00

Geo. Coffren	$	33 00
C. M. Conant, machine repairs		8 80
Fred Locke		5 20
Carroll Gordon		10 00
H. L. Webber		1 65
E. H. Gordon		6 95
A. S. Robinson		2 00
Carroll Gordon		5 00
F. C. Dolloff		50 00
Roy Smith		12 00
O. Smith		23 25
Carroll Gordon		25 00
T. O. Hall		100 00
John French		110 00
Gordon Bros		7 80
Roy Smith		2 00
Horace Hall		1 80
O. H. Dolloff		93 50
H. M. Hall		2 75
D. H. Thing		1 25
F. C. Dolloff		23 13
H. S. Gordon		6 30
W. Weiser		7 90
C. H. Clement		3 69
E. H. Gordon		7 75
Chas. Wells		4 75
W. E. Gordon, abatement, 1905, highway		4 25
W. E. Gordon, abatement, 1906, highway		4 03
Melvin Gordon, abatement, 1905, highway		4 36
Melvin Gordon, abatement, 1906, highway		4 56
C. V. Wells		6 00
T. W. McQuaide, water tub		3 00
Fred Lamson		11 35
James Bartlett		8 40
Carroll Gordon		6 00

Freeman Smith	$ 22 40
James Bartlett	4 50
Samuel Bradley	15 00
Geo. Bradley	16 60
J. M. Damren	7 65
C. W. Jacobs	17 25
C. V. Wells	4 50
C. V. Wells	1 50
E. H. Gordon	1 50
Roy Smith	11 60
Orlando Smith	11 10
Robert Murphy	8 55
F. C. Dolloff	25 00
Edwin W. Leighton	6 80
R. M. Higgins	11 20
C. L. Warden	8 45
W. O. Bean	2 75
Z. B. White	2 00
James Bartlett	7 50
W. E. Gordon	13 00
C. E. Webber	1 75
Harrison Gordon	5 00
Carroll Gordon	8 00
C. V. Wells	9 90
T. A. Kent, housing road machine	1 00
Francis Gordon	14 40
B. B. Hall	26 25
W. Poppleton	3 50
F. C. Dolloff	101 17
F. M. Stevens	1 75
B. B. Hall	50 00
B. B. Hall	18 85
Roy Smith	7 95
O. Smith	10 20
H. S. Gordon	25 00
James Bartlett	4 50
F. B. Leighton	5 50
C. W. Jacobs	11 55
G. W. White	12 00

Geo. H. Bradley	$ 13	35
J. E. Bean	3	25
H. L. Raymond	17	60
Samuel Bradley	31	26
Samuel Bradley	101	19
H. R. Jacobs	91	40
Carl W. Jacobs	1	50
O. Smith	12	00
H. M. Hall	4	75
Miles Williams	18	50
J. W. Dolloff	5	48
N. J. Rathey	16	50
Carroll Gordon	1	50
O. H. Dolloff	23	50
Fred Lamson	9	50
Carson & Tracy	24	28
Geo. Blake	1	20
C. W. Mansur	9	55
Geo. Blake		90
F. L. Kendall, water tub, 1906	3	00
F. L. Kendall, lumber	13	20
F. B. Dolloff	12	50
Alvaro Gordon	18	25
W. D. Walker	6	90
Will Wentworth	10	00
J. B. Taylor	2	63
C. A. Hutchinson	10	20
Dura Weston, lumber	2	00
E. Pearl	16	58
Geo. Coffren	15	30
T. O. Hall	91	50
O. F. Morris	38	40
O. H. Dolloff	79	50
O. Brown	1	50
J. W. Dolloff	20	25
C. V. Wells	3	00
Union Land & Lumber Co., 1905	1	37
Total orders drawn, summer 1906		$ 2,031 74

Orders for State road included in total to the amount of $295.95.		
Appropriated March 12, 1906	$ 800 00	
Unexpended Feb. 23, 1906	35 31	
For use 1906		$ 835 31

ORDERS DRAWN

N. J. Rathey, sexton	$ 10 00
N. J. Rathey, sexton	14 00
C. A. Hall, sheep killed	2 00
A. P. Cram, for pension paper	45
Dr. Reynolds, recording births and deaths	50
Maine Farmer Pub. Co., for town reports	28 00
F. A. Dolloff, 3rd Selectman	34 50
R. K. Thing, 1st Selectman	67 61
H. W. Webber, Auditor	5 00
H. W. Webber, Supt. of School	53 00
H. F. Shaw, Board of Health	11 50
R. W. Leighton, Town Clerk	9 80
Lemuel Porter, mowing cemetery	2 00
D. H. Thing, Board of Health	2 50
Dr. H. E. William, reporting births and deaths	1 50
H. R. Jacobs, interest	79
Silas Burbank, heirs of	3 50
Maine Farmer Pub. Co., order book	2 50
C. W. Whittier, Treasurer	20 00
C. W. Whittier, postage and check	4 22
A. P. Cram, Board of Health	2 50
Lettie Whittier, for burial of H. Whittier	35 00
H. R. Jacobs, 2nd Selectman	39 00
J. F. Pierce, town supplies	11 49
H. W. Webber, Supt. of Schools	25 00
F. A. Dolloff, 4 sheep killed	12 00
Elvira Robinson, interest	20 00
N. D. Gordon & Son, boards and nails	3 37
O. L. Dunn, repairs Town House	1 00

Emma Gile	$ 7 04	
W. E. Carson, Ballot Clerk	1 50	
W. T. Morrill, Ballot Clerk	1 50	
S. Stain, labor on cemetery	3 00	
Roswell Gordon, interest	48 00	
C. A. Hall, sheep killed	6 00	
Dr. Williams, recording births and deaths	50	
H. F. Shaw, recording births and deaths	2 25	
W. P. Walker, attending Committee meetings	4 00	
A. P. Cram, on acct. of Mr. Whittier	65	
Total		$ 497 17
Appropriated for Memorial Day purposes	$ 25 00	
Order drawn, Alvin Butler	25 00	

ABATEMENTS

T. U. French, on lumber	$ 1 90	

RESOURCES OF TOWN FEBRUARY 22, 1906

Due from W. B. Reed on com., 1904	$ 89 90	
" " " " " 1905	212 24	
" " " " " 1906	3,639 28	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	626 67	
Due for tuition	27 00	
Due from State Treas. for Free High School	180 00	
		$ 4,775 09

LIABILITIES OF TOWN FEBRUARY 22, 1907

Due on interest bearing order	$ 2,776 00	
Interest due on interest bearing orders	68 28	
Due town officers (estimated)	190 00	
Due on outstanding orders not bearing interest	675 55	
Resources above liabilities	1,065 26	
		$ 4,775 09

Respectfully submitted by the undersigned Selectmen of Mt. Vernon.

H. R. JACOBS,
F. A. DOLLOFF,
C. E. WEBBER,
Selectmen of Mt. Vernon.

REPORT OF TREASURER

For the Year Ending Feb. 22, 1907

DR.

1906			
Mar. 26,	Bal. due from W. B. Reed, Coll., on commitment of 1904		$ 109 90
	Bal. due from W. B. Reed, Coll., on commitment of 1905		3,127 29
	Rec'd from C. W. Whittier, former Treasurer, cash and town orders		142 41
	Rec'd from C. W. Whittier, former Treasurer, tax deeds		5 07
April 12,	Rec'd from State Treasurer, dog tax refunded		58 34
	Rec'd from town of Vienna, tuition		13 00
June 25,	Rec'd from town of Fayette, tuition		26 60
26,	Rec'd from State Treas., on account State road for year 1905		7 50
	Rec'd from State Treasurer for burial of soldier		35 00
	Rec'd by hand of H. R. Jacobs, money loaned the town by Z. B. White		400 00
July 6,	Commitment of 1906 to W. B. Reed, Coll.		
	State tax	$ 812 21	
	County tax	493 98	
	Common schools	1,000 00	
	Free High School	200 00	
	School-books	150 00	
	Repair of schoolhouses	200 00	
	Town charges	800 00	
	Highways and bridges	1,200 00	
	Snow bills	800 00	
	Support of poor	400 00	

	Memorial Day	$ 25 00	
	State road	400 00	
	Bean schoolhouse	500 00	
	Overlay	147 33	
			$ 7,128 52
July 6,	Supplementary commitment No. 1		$ 44 50
13,	Rec'd from State Treas., on account State pensions		60 00
Aug. 1,	Rec'd from R. W. Leighton, Town Clerk, dog tax		83 00
Sept. 3,	Supplementary commitment No. 2		92 82
Dec. 15,	Rec'd from H. R. Jacobs, for bridge plank		12 62
1907			
Jan. 10,	Rec'd from State Treas., school fund and mill tax, for the year 1906		578 19
Feb. 1,	Rec'd from State Treas, on account of State pensions		60 00
" 19,	Rec'd from State Treas, on account of State road for year, 1906		147 97
" 21,	Supplementary commitment No. 3		16 16
			$12,148 89

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1907		
Feb 22,	Tax deed in hands of Treasurer	$ 5 07
	Due from W. B. Reed, Coll. on commitment, 1904	89 90
	Due from W. B. Reed, Coll. on commitment, 1905	212 24
	Due from W. B. Reed, Coll. on commitment, 1906	3,639 28
	Orders paid State, County and dog tax receipts turned over to Selectmen and receipted for	7,455 73
	State pensions paid	120 00
	Cash on hand	626 67
		$12,148 89

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. Philbrick, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF AUDITOR

Mt. Vernon, Feb. 25, 1907.

This certifies that I have examined the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Mt. Vernon, and find them correct to this date.

Signed H. W. WEBBER, *Auditor*.

SCHOOL REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Mt. Vernon:

The School Board respectfully submits the following report.

The length of the school year has been 27 weeks, making an aggregate of 216 weeks for all the schools, divided as nearly as practicable into 10, 9 and 8 weeks for the spring, fall and winter terms, respectively.

We give briefly the work of each school as follows:

Village Primary School

The spring and winter terms were tanght by Mrs. Annabel G. Hall of Fayette, who had a good degree of success in advancing the interests of the school while laboring earnestly to this end.

This school requires and has been fortunate in having the services of an experienced teacher, one who can tactfully govern and interest the thirty pupils in attendance, many of whom are restless and apt to neglect the concentration of thought upon their lessons. There was graduated a class of five, which entered the High School at the commencement of its school year, September 11.

By reason of the unavoidable failure of the teacher, who was engaged for the fall term, to take charge, Miss Myra A. Webber, of this town supplied. She patiently and anxiously worked to keep the school in good condition and met with success. A good degree of improvement was made.

Robinson School

The spring term was taught by Miss Doll C. Leighton, of this town. The school was small but good progress was made.

The fall term was under the charge of Miss Lizzie M. Leighton of this town. The school was very much the same as in the spring and the results were the same. Whole num-

ber in attendance 10; average number 8. No winter term was held, the scholars being conveyed to the Village Primary.

Bean School

On account of the lack of school accommodations no spring term was held, the scholars being conveyed to the Cressey school.

The fall term commenced Oct. 8, in the new schoolhouse under the instruction of Miss Evangeline Trefethen of Kent's Hill, who gave her best endeavors to this school. She was patient and forbearing with the pupils, constantly exerting a moral influence, and her earnestness and thoroughness in instruction were productive of good results and we were pleased with the evident improvement.

The winter term was also under the instruction of the same teacher with same results. Number in attendance 14; average number 10.5. Fall attendance 17; average 12.8. Cressey scholars attending three weeks.

Cressey School

The spring term was largely increased by the attendance of the Bean scholars and a profitable term was held under the instruction of Miss Lizzie M. Leighton with 17 in attendance. Average number 14.8.

It was not intended to hold a fall term, but as only three weeks' conveyance could be procured, we were obliged to set up a school for the remaining five weeks, which was under the charge of Miss Signe Anderson, of this town, who displayed fine qualities for a teacher, although this was her first experience. Only five in attendance.

The winter term was taught by Miss Velma L. M. Gordon. The little school made commendable progress.

Currier School

No spring term. The fall term was taught by Miss Velma L. M. Gordon, a resident of the neighborhood. The eight scholars in attendance gave evidence of being well taught. We were much pleased with the correct reading and spelling.

The winter term was instructed by Miss Doll C. Leigh-

ton, a teacher of experience. The results were all that could be expected of so small a school. Whole number attending 8; average number 7.4.

Wing School

The spring term of eight weeks was under the charge of Miss Izetta Royall of Readfield. Miss Royall is a first-class teacher and there was good work done. We desired to retain her services in town, but she accepted a more remunerative position elsewhere. Some difficulty was experienced in finding a teacher for the fall term, but finally Miss Annie M. Akers of Andover was procured. Although a stranger, she seemed to be popular with the scholars and parents generally and at the written request of the larger part of the parents, she was engaged for the winter term. This is a very interesting school, several showing more than average ability for children so young. Number in attendance 17; average number 16.

Dunn School

The spring term was taught by Mrs. Georgia M. Johnson of Readfield, who conducted the school in her usual successful manner. Whole number attending 15; average number 11.

The fall and winter terms of the Dunn school were taught by Miss Alice M. Hawes of Readfield whom we unhesitatingly report as one of our best teachers. She was deeply interested in her work, showing much ability and enthusiasm. Whole number in fall 20; average number 15.7. Winter 22; average 16.3.

Thing School

The spring term was under the care of Miss Lottie J. Adell of Readfield, who conducted the school without much friction and for the most part gave satisfaction.

Miss Sarah O. Webster of Buxton taught the fall term. For some reason not apparent, she did not acquire the popularity in this school which characterized her experience in other places. She labored earnestly for the good of the school and her work though not fully appreciated was a suc-

cess. She is entitled to credit for good discipline and for outside work in helping to obtain a fine clock and wall map for the schoolroom. Whole number 23; average 17.

The winter term was taught by Mrs. Gertrude G. Barron of Fayette. Mrs. Barron is an experienced and efficient teacher and endeavored to impress upon the scholars the necessity of faithful application to study. There are several in this school who are inclined "to take life too easy". Mrs. Barron is entitled to credit for good discipline and instruction. Number in attendance 19; average number 16.4.

West Mt. Vernon School

The spring term was taught by Miss Linda Nickerson of this town. She secured the good will of the scholars at once and gave general satisfaction. The work in the school-room was well-planned, a good degree of interest secured and good results obtained. A school improvement league was organized and as a result a fine clock and wall map were procured. Whole number attending 25; average number 20.

The fall term was under the charge of Mrs. Edna S. Fish of this town, a teacher of experience and well known in this school. She displayed the same ability and anxiety for its interests which characterized her former efforts and worked earnestly for its advancement. Attendance 27; average number 23.8

The winter term was taught by Miss Lizzie M. Leighton who had previously taught this school with good success and this term's work showed to good advantage, excepting the last two weeks when several were absent on account of sickness. This is a good-sized, interesting school, being materially increased by pupils from Stevens district and town of Fayette as in the preceding term. The attendance was 28, with an average of about 21.

Truancy

There have been some chronic cases of truancy which have been looked after by the truant officer, W. B. Reed. We find by referring to the teachers' registers, that several of our best citizens have kept their children out of school for several days at a time which means a large amount of ab-

sence for the year. Why is this? We cannot answer. Parents! here is something for you to consider. Do you favor throwing away school money on account of non-attendance?

We herewith make a statement of resources and expenditures for the year.

Resources

Appropriation by town	$ 1,000 00	
School fund and mill tax	578 19	
Amount due for tuition	27 00	
Unexpended from last year	119 30	
		$ 1,724 49

Expenditures

Teachers' wages and board	$ 1,463 00	
Janitors' services	64 35	
Wood	119 28	
Conveyance of scholars	147 75	
		$ 1,794 38
Amount overdrawn		$69 89

Conveyance Itemized

Bean scholars to Cressey school	$ 45 00	
Cressey scholars to Bean school	10 50	
Stevens scholars to West Mt. Vernon school (two terms)	59 50	
Robinson scholars to Village Primary	24 00	
Ruth Fish	4 00	
W. S. Pike	4 75	
		$147 75

The amount paid for conveyance may seem large, but in reality it is 50% less than would have been the cost of the thirty-eight weeks of schooling we should otherwise have been obliged to maintain in the unused schoolhouses, including the unavoidable transportation of Bean scholars during the spring term; also we have allowed for transportation in two cases for the *first* time.

On account of the increased length of school year, the increased cost of wood, and a slight advance in teachers' wages, our expenditures have been more than usual for the common schools.

High School

Length of school year thirty weeks. This school has continued and prospered under the instruction of Ralph W. Leighton, Esq., of this town, this being his fourth consecutive year. Mr. Leighton has had wonderful success in securing and retaining his popularity as a teacher. A graduate of Bowdoin, he has brought to this school a fullness of scholarship which is rarely found in country towns. We give herewith the course of study (indorsed by the State Superintendent), and the registration of the school.

Financial Statement of High School

Appropriation by town	$ 200 00	
Due from State	180 00	
Due for tuition from Vienna	15 00	
Due for tuition from Rome	5 00	
Total resources		$ 400 00
Paid wages of teacher, including board for thirty weeks, at $12 per week	$ 360 00	
Balance unexpended	40 00	
		$ 400 00

Course of Study, Mt. Vernon High School

First Year	Beginners Latin, English Grammar (Adv.), U. S. History, Physical Geography, Arithmetic.
Second Year	Algebra, Caesar (Latin), Physics (Science), Rhetoric, General History.
Third Year	Geometry, Cicero (Latin), English Literature, Science (Botany), French, Commercial Law.
Fourth Year	Review of Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry, Vergil (Latin), Science (Geology), Civics and Political Economy, Advanced French, English History.

Composition and declamation work required of all grades throughout the course. Greek is optional during the second, third and fourth years. Spelling is required throughout the course.

Registration of Mt. Vernon High School for School Year Sept. 1906, to June 1907

First Year	*Philip Atkinson Luella Alexander Roy Carson Lucy Carson *Earle Healey *Mae Hall Helen Hopkins Clyde Jacobs Ada Russ Carlton Turner Gracie Wells	11
Second Year	*Morris Gordon Edwin Leighton *Avis Parlin *Dorris Parlin *Minnie Porter	5
Third Year	*Clifton Allen Carl Davis George Gordon *Marguerite McQuaide Nathaniel Robinson Mary Severy *Warren Webber	7
Fourth Year	Orra Dolloff Regina Robinson Mae Tibbetts Belle Tibbetts	4

Total registration, 27.

All students whose names are marked * are taking the Classical Course; the rest are taking the English Course.

In the Mt. Vernon High School there are twelve scholars from the village, thirteen from other parts of the town, and two from other towns.

General Repairs

The West Mt. Vernon and Cressey schoolhouses, with woodsheds, have been shingled; the Dunn school woodhouse repaired, seats purchased for the Village schoolhouse and the usual small repairs made. Several of the schoolhouses will need to be painted the coming season.

The expenditures under this heading include the school supplies and appliances, for which no appropriation was made, all amounting to.....$ 208 35

Amount appropriated.....	200 00	
Overdrawn.....		$ 8 35

Bean Schoolhouse

According to vote of town at special meeting a new building for school purposes, with woodhouse was erected and same completed Oct. 8, 1906, on the old site. It is 24x24 with a seating capacity of 32. With its hard pine finish and modern desks, it proves to be a very pleasant schoolroom, and has been occupied for the fall and winter terms. The expense account follows:

Contract let to R. H. Jacobs	$ 468 00	
Wood house	87 33	
Seats.....	56 00	
Freight on seats and truckage.....	10 45	
Labor on inside	5 00	
Services of Building Committee.....	16 00	
Stove and pipe	17 90	
Furniture.....	4 90	
Oil for inside work.....	4 60	
Total cost		$ 670 18

Text-Books

Amount appropriated.....	$ 150 00	
Balance from last year	12 00	
		$ 162 00

Amount Expended

Due American Book Co..... ...$	106 84	
Ginn & Company.....	12 21	
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	25 51	
D. C. Heath	12 76	
		$ 157 32
Amount unexpended.....		4 68
		$ 162 00

Recommendations

We recommend that the town make the following usual appropriations for the ensuing year:

For common schools	$ 1,000 00
High school	200 00
text-books	150 00
schoolhouse repairs	200 00
school supplies	30 00
insurance	30 00

Observations

It will readily be observed that we cannot get along with less appropriations than we have recommended. Material in all departments is higher and not readily obtainable. Our teaching force has been the best that could be procured under the circumstances, and all things considered, the school year has been prosperous.

We recommend that young teachers make more adequate preparation for their work. More should take advantage of the opportunities presented in our State in the way of normal schools, teachers meetings, state examinations, etc., and endeavor to be thoroughly up-to-date. We need such in our town. We are pained to see the lack of preparation in many cases on the part of the teacher. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

The attitude of the citizens towards the school is a very important factor in the results obtained by the teacher. Parents who cordially support the teacher do more for the success of the school and the welfare of their own children than those who fail to recognize the fact that the teacher has the same authority in the school as the parent in the home.

In this progressive age, citizens should take pride in having the schools of their town approach as near modern standards as possible. Parents, teachers and pupils working together with the school officials may bring about conditions which will result in the greatest good.

Harrison W. Webber, *Superintendent of Schools.*

Mt. Vernon, Feb. 22, 1907.

W. P. Walker,
F. L. Hopkins, } *Superintending School Committee.*

TOWN WARRANT

To WILLIAM B. REED, a Constable of the town of Mount Vernon, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine: GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Mount Vernon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house of said town on Monday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a clerk for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will elect two Road Commissioners.

ARTICLE 5. To see how much money the town will appropriate and raise for the support of schools the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 6. To see how much money the town will appropriate and raise for the support of Free High School the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 7. To see how much money the town will appropriate and raise for the purchase of school-books the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 8. To see how much money the town will appropriate and raise for the repairs of schoolhouses the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 9. To see how much money the town will appropriate and raise to defray town charges the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 10. To see how much money the town will appropriate and raise to repair highways and bridges the year ensuing.

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